## City of Redmond Human Services Commission Meeting Summary Monday, April 24, 2012 6:30-8:30 p.m.

<u>Members Present</u>: Valerie Bays, Steve Daschle, Jason Dick, John Enslein, Lynn Fleshman, Kerry Smith, Connie Stansberry, Miles Mitchell

Staff Present: Colleen Kelly, Brooke Buckingham.

Public Comment: None

## **New Business**

**Letter of Interest Follow-up Presentations:** The Commission invited 3 finalists back to give more detail on the letter of interest project proposals.

- Hopelink, Meghan Altimore and Judy Faast -- Meghan provided a quick overview of the proposal and responses to the questions. Talked about some of the challenges that participants face (lack of confidence, job history, limited English, etc.). In first year of employment program, Hopelink had a 97% success rate. With the current job market and significant job compression, they have had difficulty achieving this same outcome. This proposal is intended to incentivize employers to provide job experience and opportunity for Hopelink clients. Research has shown this model to be a best practice and South King County Multi-Service Center has had great success with this program, which is primarily serving youths. Commission asked more about the target demographic (singles or families) and the number of Redmond residents currently served in the employment program. Meghan said she would follow-up.
- YES, David Downing and Jackie Bui David brought handouts of a presentation, describing the Family Net program and providing more details on the Redmond demographics (at Redmond Elementary and Einstein). He provided more detail about the proposed staffing model if Family Net were to be expanded. YES has heard that expanding this program to Einstein is much needed and wanted. Some discussion on how to build the relationship with the schools and navigate the school "system" so that the two organizations can better collaborate. Expanding Family Net to middle school

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- tends to be more youth driven as it is harder to engage the parents. Staff shared concern about increase in suicides, depression and other issues that they are are seeing.
- Mobile Medical Clinic, Edward Sumner Edward covered the responses to the follow-up questions. He clarified that the start up/implementation timeframe does take longer than initially stated. The first year is spent getting the program operational and they don't start serving patients until the second year typically. This is so that they can engage the community and convene partners, building the necessary relationships for the project to be a success. He also stated that they have learned that you need more than just a City's interest to launch program (but also need the financial commitment). Talked about where they would launch the program suggesting that they can colocate with a church, areas where there is a dense population and need, close to hospitals, etc. There was some discussion on the proposed budget. Edward clarified an error. The Commission shared concern that even with that change there still appeared to be a surplus in dollars (with Redmond's request). Edward asked for the opportunity to review this and provide an updated budget/explanation.

## Round Robin Check-in/Debrief

The Commission discussed each of the above proposals in more detail. They had some concern with funding a program that wouldn't be operational for one year, but acknowledged that it takes time to get established. Also wanted to know more about how the cost/unit for Mobile Medical compares to Healthpoint. Brooke said that she could provide this information. There was some discussion on whether there was a way to pilot the Hopelink project on a smaller scale.

April 9 Meeting Summary: Approved April 9 Meeting Summary

Updates by Commissioners: None

## Updates from Staff:

Colleen shared information about reorganization in the City – changes will result in new Human Services Planner position. She asked that the Commission help spread the word when she sends out the job announcement.